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DANIEL SCHORR: First Line Report, news and commentary.  
I'm Daniel Schorr, CBS News, in Washington, reporting on the  
CBS Radio Network.

George Bush definitely off the '76 ticket, on his  
way to being confirmed as CIA Director, and William Colby's  
Mission Improbable almost done.

More about this milestone in a moment.

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SCHORR: There is a time when things officially happen  
and a time when they happen. Officially, the changing of the  
guard at the CIA won't happen until early in the new year.  
But in a way it happens today when William Colby goes up be-  
fore a congressional investigating committee perhaps for the  
last time and when the Senate Armed Services Committee votes  
to recommend George Bush as his successor after President Ford  
agreed to make clear he would not be his vice presidential can-  
didate next year.

Colby's appearance today before a closed session of  
the House Intelligence Committee will be to say "no." The  
committee wants to make public details of three covert actions  
on which it was secretly briefed because some of its members  
think it would be instructive to show how they came about.  
One, the operation in Angola, some of which is getting to be  
known through some other channels. Another, the story of how  
the CIA intervened in a West European election, getting some of  
our candidates elected, losing out on some others; a moderate  
success story to go with the CIA's trumpeted failures. The

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